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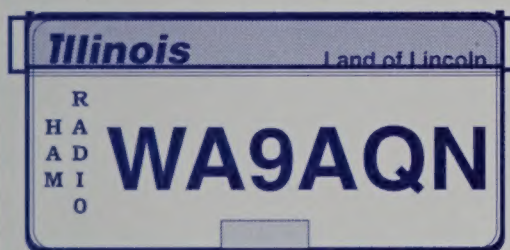
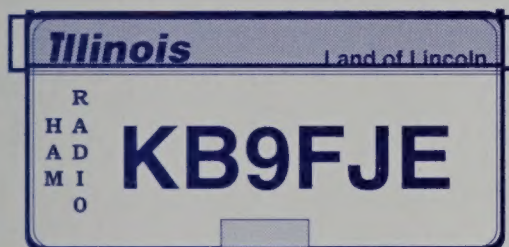
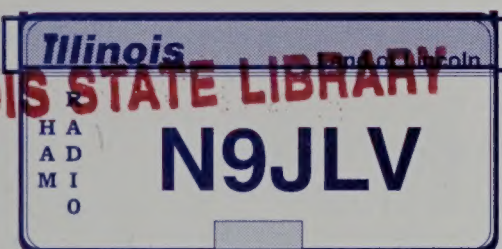
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# *Amateur Radio License Plates*

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## ***Radio Operators Save Lives***

Amateur radio operators in Illinois share an interest in short-wave radio and a concern for others. Each year, they offer assistance to countless victims of accidents, disasters and other mishaps by providing a vital communications link to emergency services.

For nearly 45 years, Illinois has recognized these citizens by offering special license plates that display their call numbers issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

For your convenience, my office issues Amateur Radio License Plates on a multi-year, staggered basis. Expiration dates are based on the vehicle's purchase date, application date or expiration date of the vehicle's current registration. A benefit of using multi-year plates is cost savings for Illinois taxpayers.

Apply today for your Amateur Radio Plates.

*Jesse White*

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## Plate Facts

- Amateur Radio License Plates are available for passenger cars, motorcycles and Second-Division vehicles weighing up to 8,000 pounds.
- All plates are issued on a multi-year, staggered basis.
- Each applicant is allowed only one set of Amateur Radio License Plates.

The following must accompany the initial application:

- 1) Copy of applicant's amateur radio operator license issued by the FCC.
- 2) Copy of applicant's Illinois vehicle title or current registration card. The FCC license holder's name must be on the title unless the vehicle is leased.
- 3) Standard registration fee plus \$4 manufacturing fee. (*When renewing and purchasing only a sticker, the \$4 fee is **not** charged.*)

*Note:* Amateur Radio Plates issued for motorcycles are the same size as passenger car plates.

## Applications

To obtain the appropriate license plate application, go to your local Secretary of State Driver Services facility, or contact: Secretary of State, 501 S. Second St., Non-Standard Plates Section, Springfield, IL 62756, (217) 785-6901.

## Mandatory Insurance

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must have liability insurance covering property damage and injuries you may cause others in an accident.



# Questions

**Q. May amateur radio operators who have current Amateur Radio Plates but have upgraded their FCC licenses receive new plates?**

A. Yes, but they must pay a \$14 replacement fee and submit a copy of their FCC license indicating their new call numbers.

**Q. May Amateur Radio License Plates be obtained if a vehicle is currently registered with regular passenger, motorcycle or B-truck plates?**

A. Yes. Applicants who have a current registration sticker that is valid for more than 60 days may apply for the plates upon payment of an \$18 fee (*\$14 replacement fee, plus \$4 manufacturing fee*). The plates will be issued with the same expiration date assigned to the previous plates.

If your current plates are due for renewal in less than 60 days, Amateur Radio Plates may be obtained for the standard registration or motorcycle fee plus the additional \$4.

**Q. May Amateur Radio License Plates be obtained if a vehicle was previously registered in another state?**

A. Yes, but an Illinois title must first be obtained by surrendering the out-of-state title and submitting the proper application and the \$65 title fee.

## **nd Answers**

**Q. May Amateur Radio License Plates be obtained if a recently purchased vehicle has not been registered in the owner's name?**

A. Yes, but the applicant first must submit a certificate of origin or a properly assigned title and the \$65 title fee.

**Q. How can an individual obtain renewal stickers?**

A. A renewal application, along with the proper fee, must be submitted prior to the expiration month. Renewal stickers are available at Secretary of State facilities throughout Illinois and at participating banks, savings and loan associations and currency exchanges, and through remitting agencies.

**Q. What is the renewal fee for Amateur Radio Plates?**

A. The renewal fee is the same as that for the standard registration or motorcycle plates.



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